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from the first case of that disease, is overdue without further issues, it may safely be inferred that the contagion was successfully eradicated by the prophylactic measures employed by the local sanitary authorities.

In reference to my cablegram of yesterday I will state that one of the cases recently reported at the town of Colon, originating from the rural district of Calimete, died December 16, and the true nature of the disease was not fully determined until the post-mortem findings proved that the cause of death was not yellow fever. The other case, reported on the same date as brought to Colon from the plantation at Banaguises, has been confirmed as yellow fever of a mild form and is expected to recover.

I am informed that a trained disinfecting gang has been ordered from Habana to the Alava plantation, with a medical officer at the head of it, for the purpose of disinfecting the premises, destroying all the mosquito-breeding places, and seeing that a screened ward is fitted up at the plantation so as to be prepared to meet properly any future emergencies that may arise.

The new case reported at the Valiente plantation near Union de Reyes has not yet been confirmed as yellow fever.

The local health officer has been directed to prepare an additional mosquito-proof ward for women at the civil hospital of this city, for the isolation of suspicious cases of yellow fever in that sex which might occur. An independent wooden frame close to the same hospital, now devoted to tuberculous patients, will be thoroughly disinfected, and afterwards conveniently screened for the care of the confirmed yellow fever cases, in the event this epidemic disease should extend in this city in some future time.

DECEMBER 22, 1905.

One yellow fever confirmed reported to-day Valiente plantation.

#### ECUADOR.

##### *Report from Guayaquil—Yellow fever declared epidemic.*

Acting Assistant Surgeon Gomez reports, December 20, as follows:

The local board of health declared yellow fever epidemic December 19.

#### GERMANY.

##### *Report from Berlin—Status of cholera in Russia.*

Passed Assistant Surgeon McLaughlin reports, December 6, as follows:

In the Vistula territory of Russia 23 new cases and 8 deaths from Asiatic cholera were reported between November 16 and 22.

With the exception of 1 case and 1 death in the city of Lodz, all the cases were in the districts of Kolno and Ostrow, government of Lomza.

In Kolno district the center of infection was at Jedwahno, and in the district of Ostrow, Czyzewo. Both Jedwahno and Czyzewo are small hamlets.